



SERMON NOTES

Week 3 September 26, 2021

“The Holy Spirit”

Genesis 1:2; Matthew 3:16-17; Acts 1:8,
Acts 2:1-4; John 14:15-18, 26, John 16:8, 13;
Ephesians 1:13, Ephesians 5:18; Romans 8:11;
Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:3

I. The Holy Spirit in Scripture

- A. The Spirit is the way the Biblical authors talk about God’s personal _____.
- B. We see in the Old Testament, God’s Spirit giving empowerment to _____ people for tasks.
- C. Today, the Spirit is always present and actively _____ in our lives.

II. The Spirit’s Work in Us

- A. There are many ways the Spirit _____ in our lives today:
 - a. Convicts us.
 - b. Seals us.
 - c. Indwells us.
 - d. Teaches us.
 - e. Reveals truth to us.
 - f. Guides us.
 - g. Bears fruit through us.
 - h. Reminds us.
 - i. Equips us with Spiritual gifts.
 - j. Empowers us.
 - k. Fills us.

III. The Visible Presence of God

- A. The purpose of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to make _____ the goodness of God and the character of Christ to other people.
- B. God calls us to _____ living but we can’t do this on our own.
- C. Prayer: “Come and _____ me Holy Spirit.”

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

As Christians we believe in one God comprised of three persons – The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The trinity is a mystery that is really hard to explain. For many of us, we understand God the Father is the creator of all things. We understand the Son (Jesus) is God in human flesh who came to die for our sins and redeem us. But many followers of Christ do not really understand the third person of the trinity – The Holy Spirit. So, why is it important for us to understand the Holy Spirit?

Monday: Genesis 1:2, 26-27; Psalm 33:6-9

We sometimes think the Holy Spirit didn't show up (or maybe even exist) until the day of Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection (cf. Acts 2:2-4). However, the Bible described God's Spirit existing before, and at work during the creation of the world. What was your understanding of the Holy Spirit before this week's message?

Tuesday: Galatians 5:22-26

Here Paul describes the fruit, or the by-product of the Holy Spirit's activity in our lives. In what ways might these characteristics be understood as "fruit?" What is our part and what is the Spirit's part in this character development? How would you measure your spiritual fruit?

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 3:3-6

Paul said Christians are a letter from Christ, written not with ink "but with the Spirit of the living God." How have you learned to trust God's grace when you realize that in some situations you failed to represent God well? In what ways do you open your heart to the influence of "the Spirit of the living God" so that others can see God's imprint in you?

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 12:27-30, Ephesians 4:11-13, Romans 12:6-8

Are you clear about which of these gifts the Spirit has given you? If not, ask one or more people who know you well what gifts they see in you or take a Spiritual Gift Assessment online. Once you have a sense of what your gifts are, how are you using those gifts to serve and build up the body of Christ?

Friday: Acts 1:1-8

How did Jesus' vision and commission for that mission-driven, outward life focus make it essential that those first 120 (and all who came after them) trust the Holy Spirit's power rather than their own?

MOVING FORWARD

The Spirit is the way the Biblical authors talk about God's personal presence. Today, the Spirit transforms the human heart and empowers us to love God and love others. The purpose of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to make visible the goodness of God and the character of Christ to other people. Without the Spirit we can't live the life God has called us to live. In order to access God's power in our lives we need to become more aware of the Spirit. This week pray "Come and fill me Holy Spirit."

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) presence, B) specific, C) working. IIA) works. IIIA) visible, B) holy, C) fill.